Summary Minutes: Medical Care Advisory Committee May 4, 2012 Teleconference

Members/Medicaid Program officials present: Tracy Charles-Smith, Chair; Lorilyn Swanson, Vice Chair; Kimberli Poppe-Smart, DHSS Deputy Commissioner; Renee Stoll, RPh; and, Mark Walker.

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Minutes of January 20 & 21, 2012. Adopted as presented.

Schedule remaining 2012 meetings. The committee confirmed their next meeting will be September 28 & 29, 2012 in Anchorage. The face-to-face May 4 & 5 in Nome and October 5 & 6 in Girdwood meetings were cancelled. The next rural visit meeting dates will be discussed in the September 28 & 29 meeting.

MCAC recruitment process. The MCAC members and Deputy Commissioner Kimberli Poppe-Smart discussed the current recruitment process and agreed to initiate a recruitment campaign by publishing a request for letters of interest and by sharing the applicant letters with committee members through e-mail. Renee Stoll suggested that if several good applicants applied, a teleconference this summer, prior to the September meeting could be arranged to have those applicants be approved and possibly attend the meeting in September. In the case that no new committee members are selected by teleconference, the positions listed below will be selected during the September 28 & 29 meeting:

- 1. Dentist
- 2. Nursing home or hospital administrator
- 3. Provider
- 4. Consumer advocate
- 5. Program participant
- 6. Non-governmental social agency representative
- 7. Private non-recipient citizen

For the Anchorage meeting, agenda items include:

- Mark Walker suggested and agreed to speak to the new Petersburg hospital administrator about becoming an MCAC member.
- Kimberli Poppe-Smart, Renee Gayhart and Alejandra Rico will work on drafting a request for letters of
 interest to reach a broader mix of applicants from around the state. Remote areas will be reached by
 sending letters to tribal council or regional hospital corporation's boards.
- Kimberli Poppe-Smart will follow up with Commissioner Bill Streur about Amber Doyle participation on the committee.
- Kimberli Poppe-Smart will clarify the roles and responsibility of the MCAC during the September meeting.
- Other agenda items will be forwarded to Alejandra Rico by the committee and Kimberli Poppe-Smart.